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PID - 105/63
28 August 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, NPIC

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Comments on Memo from AD/RR "Problem in the Utilization
[redacted] at Headquarters" dated 5 August 1963

1. With due respect for the AD/HR it is my feeling that the subject memo:

- a. Must be the result of poor advice given to the AD/RR.
- b. Represents the strongest endorsement seen to date for not sending film to Headquarters.
- c. Has as attachments, statements from Branch Chiefs who must have been hard pressed to come up with any meaningful justification for utilization of [redacted] at Headquarters.

2. The statement made in paragraph 2 of subject memo could not have been made by a well informed person- "It is my feeling that the enclosed statements provide a clear justification for asking NPIC to expedite our requests for film and prints." The enclosures to the AD/RR memo, covering work performed by PID for each of the five branches of the Resources Division, show that the information used in the Branch Chief's statements primarily represents work performed at NPIC.

3. It should be borne in mind that the facility maintained in 5028 by PID to assist Headquarters personnel in the use of TKH materials was the first place DD/I eliminated in the establishment of the Collection Guidance Staff. [redacted] Chief, Requirements Branch of the Reconnaissance Group/CGS informed me this morning that steps are being taken to recreate a space for reactivation of 5028-type services again - to facilitate briefings and conferences utilizing personnel from PID and to provide space for utilization of some PI gear as the occasion arises.

Attachment as noted

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CHEMICALS BRANCH (R/CH)

Most of the requirements submitted to CIA/PID by the Chemicals Branch of the Resources Division were directed to the Industrial Branch of PID for analysis. In the past 12 month period, a total of 18 projects were received. All but 4 have been completed, and one of these has been partially answered (Requirement No. RR/323/62); the other 3 have been in PID/IB less than 3 months.

CIA/PID was instrumental in the identification of and photographic support to R/CH on the chemical plants located at [redacted] (references: CIA/PID/IB-117/62, CIA/PID/IB-94/62 and NPIC Mission MCI's on [redacted]).

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The new plants at [redacted] were also analyzed by analysts at PID. The [redacted] industrial complex was a national project; however, a PID/IB analyst was assigned to the project (J 71-63). Various analysts from ORR were notified of the complex and they were invited to IB to review and discuss this complex. At that time the carbide plant was pointed out to the group, with special emphasis being added to its size. This is a large facility, capable of producing a surplus for the needs within the [redacted] area.

The [redacted] was reported to be under construction in NPIC MCI of [redacted]. PID/IB does have a requirement from R/CH standing at this time. It was received in PID on 4 June 1963. This project will be assigned for work very shortly. Some delay was necessary in final completion of these requirements because of the small number of analysts available for project work, other priorities and lack of material. In the future, more analysts will be available for project work; at that time, with realistic due dates and priorities, production in quantity without deteriorating effects on quality will be possible.

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